

**MARCH 2003 AGENDA**

SUBJECT		ACTION
	X	INFORMATION
		PUBLIC HEARING
No Child Left Behind (NCLB): School Accountability Report Card (SARC).		

Recommendation

The California Department of Education (CDE) is submitting documents regarding School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) to the State Board of Education (SBE) for approval.

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action

The federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act requires that local educational agencies (LEAs) that receive Title I assistance prepare and disseminate an annual report card. The California Constitution requires every school district maintaining an elementary or secondary school to develop a SARC for each school. The *California Education Code* requires the SBE to adopt standard definitions for accountability report cards and approve a template each year for preparing reports. In June 2002, the SBE approved two documents that are currently guiding and assisting LEAs in the preparation of SARCs consistent with state law. The first of these documents informed LEAs of standard definitions that must be used for reporting information on the SARCs. The second is a report template that the CDE utilizes to prepare partially completed reports that are made available to each LEA for completion.

Summary of Key Issue(s)

The request for SBE approval of definitions and template design for use in 2003-2004 represents the third reporting cycle since this function became a requirement of state law and the first to incorporate NCLB requirements. The United States Department of Education (USDE) is in the process of approving the State of California's Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook that was submitted in January 2003. Issues related to data definitions as well as template design may arise as a result of the federal peer review and approval process. Any changes that are necessitated by this process subsequent to SBE approval of definitions and the template will be incorporated by the CDE consistent with agreements reached between the USDE and the State of California.

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate)

None.

Attachment(s)

Additional material will be provided in supplemental mailing.